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Response Under 37 CFR §1.116

Expedited Procedure
Group Art Unit 1771

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: **Fumikazu MACHINO et al.**

Serial Number: **09/180,432**

Group Art Unit: **1771**

Filed: **February 12, 1999**

Examiner: **U. Ruddock**

For: **THERMAL-ACOUSTIC INSULATION AND METHOD OF MANUFACTURING
SAME**

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.116

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

April 4, 2001

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 11, 2001, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claims 1, 3, 10, 13, 43, 45 and 48 as follows:

1. (Twice Amended) A thermal acoustic insulation material comprising:
a multiplicity of anisotropic pitch-based carbon fibers having an average fiber diameter of
0.5 μm to 5 μm and an average fiber length of 1 mm to 15 mm, said carbon fibers being non-
galvanic corrosive and being bonded by a thermosetting resin at contact points of said carbon fibers
so as to form a carbon fiber aggregate having a bulk density of from 3 kg/m^3 to 10 kg/m^3 ;
wherein said thermal-acoustic insulation material is non-galvanic corrosive.

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